#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

### Report for the month of February, 1949.

### Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 4/4/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population;
Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and
Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales
Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor
Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold
Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment
Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

#### POPULATION

The population of the State on the 30th June 1948 was estimated to be 515,302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,526.

### MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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MarriagesNo. *Rate per 1000	398	468	5,186	5,282	
of Population	8.99	10.85	10.07	10.49	
Births	1,066	1,063	12,931	12,874	
of Population	24.07	24.64	25.11	25.57	
Deaths	372	366	4,685	4,723	
of Population	8.40	8 • 48	9,10	9,38	
Infant MortalityNo. Rate per 1000	32	28	331	398	
Live Births	30.02	26.34	25.60	30.92	
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH - Tuberculosis Cancer Influenza Diptheria Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis Diseases of the Heart Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia Diarrhoea and Enteritis Nephritis Diseases of Early Infancy Senility Accidents All Other Causes	9 45 1 1 36 21 106 12 5 11 18 9 28 70	16 54 2 31 6 109 10 2 8 19 5 29 75	166 620 23 7 422 1,52 1,424 290 23 170 195 77 280 836	141 594 8 8 422 164 1,370 278 36 182 204 118 299 899	
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<sup>\*</sup> Equivalent Annual Rate.

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#### MAND SETTLEMENT.

Iand taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February totalled 96,629 acres, a decrease of 36,353 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 303,477 acres, a decrease of 254,703 acres.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of	FEBRUARY	8 Months ended FEBRUARY			
	1949	1948	1949	1948		
Revenue Revenue per Head of Popln.  Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£ 1,596,756 £3. 1. 1d. 1,615,529 £3. 1.10d.	£ 1,303,920 £2.11. 1d. 1,360,036 £2.13. 4d.	£ 12,839,310 £24.14.7d. 13,479,955 £25.19.4d.	£ 10,522,796 £20.15. 6d. 11,401,755 £22.10. 3d.		

#### SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 28th February amounted to £36,568,541 or £69.18.5d. per head of population as against £35,726,833 or £69.19.8d. per head as at the 29th February last year.

#### BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 23rd February, 1949 amounted to £6,882,054, compared with £5,700,489 for the corresponding period last year.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at	FEB	RUARY	8 Months ended FEBRUARY			
the Office of Land Titles & Dee	ds 1949	1948	1949	1948		
Transfers No.	1,529 994,138	1,180 669,479	12,630	11,509 5,805,729		
Mortgages No.	793 758,432	684 616,854	6,882 6,734,231	7,100 6,591,315		
Discharges of Mortgages. No.	866	1,328	6,425	7,040		

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of	Taxable	Goods	Sales of	
Receipt of Returns	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)	Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
1948 - February March April May June July August September October Vovember December 1949 - January February	£ 1,257,388 1,093,047 1,463,655 1,369,377 1,366,881 1,222,057 1,535,712 1,412,657 1,402,699 1,621,539 1,685,438  1,638,073 1,489,294	£ 864,177 599,259 1,226,320 772,233 1,156,566 834,278 1,104,077 949,181 905,874 1,010,631 972,483	£ 3,248,518 2,779,556 3,719,757 3,414,017 3,913,584 4,304,727 3,564,010 3,424,681 3,320,550 3,508,259 3,963,816  3,330,179 3,713,023	£ 137,796 148,425 156,617 155,967 162,770 147,595 155,618 179,347 164,704 180,926 176,856

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### COMPANIES REGISTERED

79 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,489,900 and 34 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February,1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 80 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,367,500 and 33 Foreign Companies.

### BANKRUPTCY.

		8 Months ended FEBRUARY									
•		1949			1948						
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets					
		£	£		£	£					
Sequestration Orders	14	10,795	2,810	8	21,603	2,815					
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	47,453	39,547	6	12,771	10,204					
Deeds of Arrangement	404	date:	-	-	100	-					

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

### TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:-

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	JA:	NUARY	7 Months en	ided January			
	1949	1948	1949	1948			
Gross Earnings (£	444,900	413,260	3,054,600	2,724,560			
Vorking Expenses (£	523,983	452,154	3,884,671	3,043,667			
rain Miles Run	577,779	611,643	4,157,011	4,309,479			
Passenger Journeys	922,266	917,093	7,265,869	7,826,705			
lonnage Carried — Paying Goods Livestock Departmental (Free Freight)	222,327 13,715 34,552	243,112 10,715 31,559	1,509,862 109,508 337,700	1,540,282 106,072 340,199			
Total	270,594	285,386	1,957,070	1,986,553			
et Ton Mileage of - Paying Goods Livestock Departmental (Free Freight)	31,556,203 1,559,034 4,754,954	33,646,931 1,180,062 5,186,060	219,435,980 14,026,271 52,001,071	226,170,427 13,130,169 55,960,000			
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### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

# (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

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	l l	ETROPOLITAN	AREA		ENTIRE STATE				
Period	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	3.T			
Year 1947 Year 1948	1,224					No.	No.	No.	
	2,083	519 <b>72</b> 6	40 63	593 824	2,066 4,036	1,685 2,483	54 114	883 1,376	
1949 - Janua ry	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127	
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# (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

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Date	λ	ÆT ROPOLITAN	I AREA		ENTIRE STATE			
(As at end of Month)	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June 1948 -	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
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anua ry	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
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<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for January, 1949 - 134 Cars; 514 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses, and 3 Motor Cycles.

### TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, January, 1949 and 1948, and 7 Months ending January, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

		IMPO	RTS	and the contract of the contra	EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)					
	JANU			7 Months ended JANUARY		NUARY	7 Months ended JANUARY			
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948		
	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000		
ersea	1,601	1,643	12,082	9,046	3,990	4,449	27,446	24,996		
terstate	2,597	1,880	18,157	15,240	454	431	2,820	3,665		
TOTAL	4,198	3,523	30,239	24,286	4,444	4,880	30,266	28,661		
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### BUTIDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

### (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

		Dwel	lings		773-			Other Total			
Period		ner- ilt	By Con	tractors,	Fact	tories	0			tal	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948	55 165 514	£,000 32 109 346	1,316 2,245 2,544	£,000 1,221 2,380 3,041	52 37 49	£,000 82 64 160	145 164 268	£,000 192 327 431	1,568 2,611 3,375	£,000 1,527 2,880 3,978	
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(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

# (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Including Owner-Built Homes).

Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
Concrete, or Ma		or Mainly or Ma				her erial	Total		
Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
£,000 640 1,365 1,715 320 386 433	186 257 326 72 93 81	£,000 140 196 249 48 70 65	373 966 1,436 245 353 323	£,000 296 862 1,348 225 325 315	227 62 29 3 5	£,000 172 47 22 1 4	1,364 2,399 3,043 567 746 724	£,000 1,248 2,470 3,334 594 785 821	
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### BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,010,218 lbs. were produced during January, 1949, and 12,971,608 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1949, as against 1,114,672 lbs. and 13,028,921 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

### GOLD PRODUCTION.

	***************************************				
	FEB	RUARY	2 Months ended FEBRUARY		
	1949	1948	1949	1948	_
Quantity Fine Ozs.	50,010	54,941	101,421	95, 365	
Value (Aust. Currency) £	538,237	591,404	1,091,542	1,026,468	

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the two months ended February, 1949 amounted to £6,250. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £39,062.

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### RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS,

## (Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

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Town		Food and	Grocerie	-	All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)				
- O W21	FEBRUARY		2 Months ended FFBRUARY		1	DECEMBER QUARTER		ns ended MBER	
	1949	1948	1949	7.948	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Metropolitan Area Kalgoorlie-Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton Collie	1367 1508 1388 1379 1404 1387	1202 1342 1221 1209 1231 1211	1350 1489 1374 1363 1382 1371	1185 1332 1204 1191 1212 1199	131.6 1415 1322 1327 1383 1268	1189 1297 1200 1201 1251 1146	1264 1368 1272 1277 1327 1217	1161 1265 1171 1173 1221 1117	

### ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT. (Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

### Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

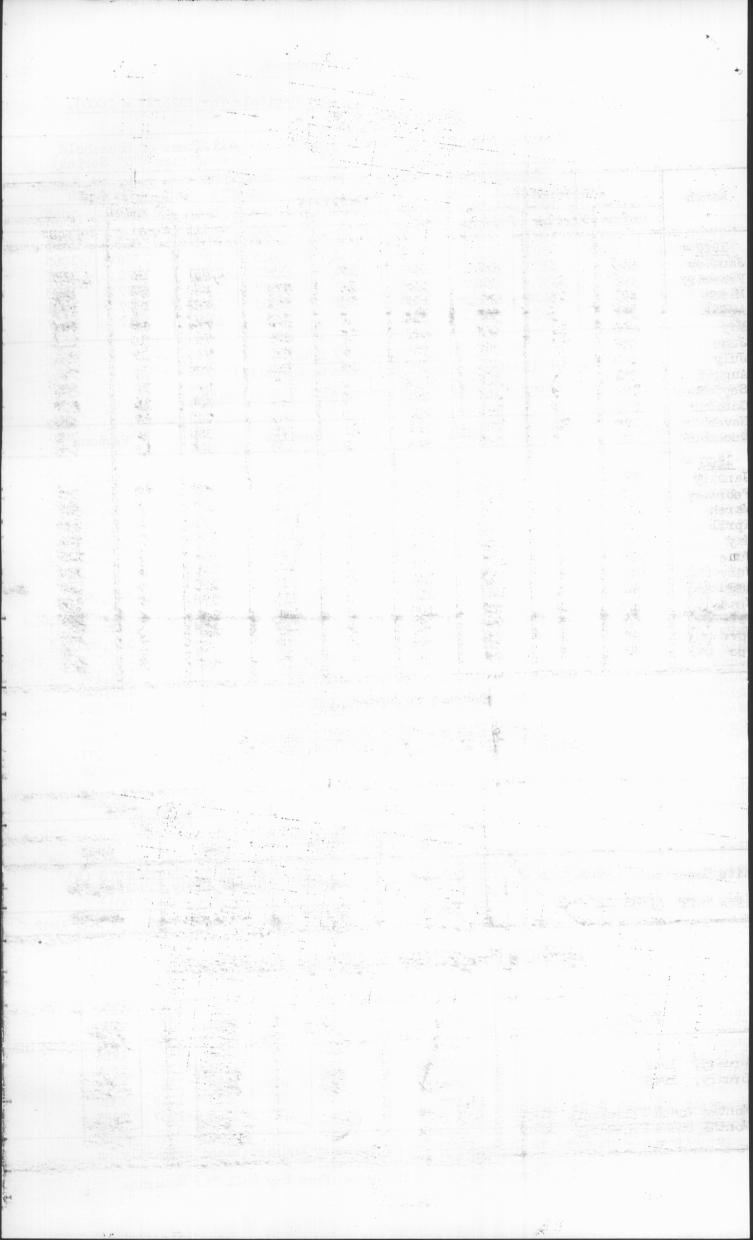
Month	Males	Females	Persons
July August September October November December	104,271 104,124 105,208 105,646 105,00 106,764	35,640 35,816 35,888 35,924 36,308 36,645	139,911 139,940 141,096 141,570 142,157 143,409
January February March April May June July August September October November December	106,732 106,519 107,574 108,141 109,227 109,205 109,375 108,611 109,416 110,240 111,010	36,366 36,527 36,832 36,908 36,880 36,942 37,154 37,073 37,224 37,592 37,704 38,015	143,098 143,046 144,406 145,049 146,107 146,147 146,529 145,684 146,640 147,832 148,714 149,506
Janua ry	111,653	36,839	148,492

### EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

And the last of th	-										
Month		(Base	FACTORIE : 1928/29 mployees =	(19.799	RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))						
D. O. Bar	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	-
January Jebruary Jebruary Jerch Ipril Jey June July Jugust Jeptember Jetober Jovember Jecember	142 142 144 144 145 146 145 141 141	145 148 151 153 154 157 159 160 161 158 163	162 164 165 167 168 167 169 169 169 168	168 170 174 174 173 174 173 175 175	174	870 868 877 876 891 903 899 897 914 929 965 1012	995 1016 1045 1051 1069 1087 1096 1109 1114 1118 1133 1165	1134 1138 1145 1144 1151 1153 1168 1181 1172 1184 1215 1267	1233 1249 1264 1264 1277 1277 1301 1294 1302 1318 1349 1385	1354	

<sup>(</sup>a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

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Month	-	dmittano	es		Dischar	ges	On	Benefit of Month	End	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	-
1947 - January February March April May June July August September October November December 1948 - January February March April May June May March May Marc	483 396 459 342 454 347 410 351 179 183 177 181 335 131 112 90 127 117 128 95 68 66 44 49	8 12 13 3 10 19 5 7 11 7 4 5 3 4 4 6 5 6 2 5 2 1	491 408 472 545 465 357 423 360 184 190 188 188 339 136 115 94 131 123 133 101 70 71 46 49	668 559 549 314 481 352 373 538 279 235 261 124 393 185 181 140 125 97 141 110 105 92 64 38	17 15 13 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	685 574 562 322 496 359 388 547 284 240 272 133 402 193 186 142 133 100 148 113 108 100 68 38	1,001 838 748 776 749 744 781 594 494 442 358 415 357 303 234 184 186 206 193 178 141 115 95 106	26 23 23 18 14 17 15 15 15 17 17 15 17 17 15 4 7 6 3 1 2	1,027 861 771 794 763 761 796 609 509 459 375 430 367 310 239 191 189 212 197 185 147 118 96 108	

### (a) Subject to Revision.

# ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A.Government Power Station)

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	FEBI	RUARY	8 Months ended FEBRUARY		
	1949	1948	1949	1948	
nits Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	13,027	18,030	145,566	147,540	
nits Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	12,324	16,602	123,325	126,415	7

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

		And the second s				
Period		Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
bruary, 1949 bruary, 1948		No. 6,226 4,700	No • 376 219	No. 71,371 49,691	No. 11,143 10,350	
Months ended February, Months ended February,	1949 1948	12,177	903 498	143,197	21,367	

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